CURRENT TOPICS.

THE stocking-darner is the latest in

SINCE 1861 the American people have built 10,000 miles of railroad.

THE loss of \$1,000 through bunco men instantly killed a Californian.

THERE is said to be \$50 000,000 invested in hotels along the line of Broad-

THERE is more money invested in firearms in Alabama than in hogs, sheep, and farm implements. A PUBLIC library devoted entirely to

technical and professional books will be opened in Paris next month. Victoria says she will stay in Scot-

land until November. London tradesmen do not approve of her plans. PATTI admits that her voice is not as

good as it once was, but says that there will be no reduction in her prices for Parts hotel-keepers are at their old

tricks of swindling Americans, and there have been several cases carried

Sixcu the development of tree culture the forests of Europe have increased from one-sixth to one-fifth of the entire territory.

Ax English manufacturer advertises that his safety matches may be eaten by children with positive benefit to

Miss Lambaur, one of the maids of honor to the queen, is to be married next month, and there will be a vacaney to fill in the Victoria household.

THE shah of Persia, in return for the

hundred dollars belonging to an industthird scoundrel, turning the neighbors' sympathy and his own clerical address

reimburse the loser and disappeared. in vitriol manufactories, who use as a beverage diluted sulphuric acid sweet-cned with sugar or molasses, have never been known to be attacked by she the best mother in the world?"

those who are not in the least afraid to ask for what they want. There is no special brand for them, but they prefer the one with the most delicate the most delicate the control of the c

give his name, writes to a Boston newspaper the following lible on the Boston woman: "The Mexican women in manners, grace, courtesy, etc., the most accomplished of what we call the seen more grace and beauty and more 'savoir' among the ladies of the Rio

went in swimming near Beartown, feetly helpless. From a fairly developed boy he became mute and helpless, body has never grown, but his head has developed to an ordinary man's means, and provided for him in his will to be kept by the family, and after sister's residence in the village of Goodville, where he now is. He has less trouble to his kind sister, but she is perfectly devoted to him.

Thomas Paine once boasted that the BRile rould in a generation or two become an ob-olete book.—Kumgelled Messenger.

A THEOSOPHIC MARRIAGE. She was a theosophic miss
Who sighed for sweet Nirvann;
She talked of esoteric this

And that, in mystic manner.

She wore a wide and psychic smile,
Used diction transcendental.

Two sultors her besigged meanwhile—
Both softly sentimental.

The one, he was a drummer bland,
Who wore a loftly collar;
He knew not things were hollow, and
He chased the numble dollar. The other was a soulful youth,
Who talked of things symbolic;
Enamored quite of inner truth—
And predisposed to colle.

The one, he talked of common love, In tones that made her shudder; The other one scared with her above. To misty realms of Buddina. She sent the first upon his way. With senth unmilligated— Upon the other smiled, and they. By Hymen were translated.

FOUR YEARS LATER.

Within a botty Harlem flat.
She's found her sweet Nirvana;
She does not think of this and that
As marshy sephyrs fan her;
pShe dreamily whose Buddha's nose
And spanketh Zoroaster,
And mends their transcendental clothes,
Torn by occult disaster.

Her adept husband still can solve
The involvence clerical,
But for some reason can't evolve
A salary diarnal.
He still floats on to evolve new,
But fills his astral body
With—not the Checlab's milky brew,—
But derecy apple toddy.

She eloquently mourns ber life
And abjurgates her Latin.
To daily see the diminier's sife
Drive by her clad in satin.
She has been heard, in fact, to say She has been heard, in fact, to say When some shi discontented, "Though 'couplies,' hold social sway, Though 'dougles' enjley their day, I think, in how, the good old way. By far the best invented." —Hung J. W. Dam, in 'belaker Century,

HIDDEN STRENGTH.

In one of the prairie towns of n orthern Iowa, where the Illinois Central all the sewing; going out in the gar-Railroad now passes from Dubuque to Sloux City, lived a weman whose ex-perience repeats the truth that inher-bles. Daniel and the boys were bit-"White kind"

she overheard some part of a conversation, as the children were sitting to-gether around the fireplace. "I don't mind the work," said Theodore, "if I could only be learning too. Father used to say he wanted me to be a civil engineer."
"If father were here," said eleven

year old Nate, "you could study even-ings and recite to him. I wish moth-er could help; but, then, I guess that mother's"-

"mother," who prepared their meals learnin and took care of their clothes? She wanted to be a part of the very best of music.

wanted to be a part of the very best of their lives. She thought it all over, sitting up far into the night. If she could create an interest in some study that should bind them all together, and in which she could lead! Was she too old to begin? Never before had the desire to become the very center of interest to them taken such a hold upon her.

A few weeks after, she said, one morning at the breakfast table: "Boys, I've been thinking that we might begin geology this summer and study it, all of us together, I have found a text book; by and by Thede can draw a chart, perhaps. Jerry will take hold, I know, and Nate and Johnnie can hunt for specimens. We have an hour or two every night."

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flash, and that very evening the ques-tion discussed was one brought in by

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Her own enthusiasm in study was aroused, and, far from a hardship, it now became a delight. Her spirit was contagious. The boys, always form of "mother," wondered what new life possessed her, but they accepted the charge all the same. She found she could teach and also large her will be same to the charge her but they accepted the charge all the same. She found she yould teach and also large her will be same to the charge her but they accepted the charge all the same. She found she yould teach and also large her will be same to the charge all the same to taken to shelves in the sitting room. could teach, and also inspire her pu-

They studied botany. She knew the name of every tree and shrub for miles around. The little bors made a collection of birds' eggs, and then began to watch closely the babits of the birds. It was a pure, simple life. It would have been too wild and lonely but for the charms of this devoted mother. Her hours of lonliness were hidden from them, but she learned to an unusual degree to throw every en-ergy into the day's work of study, and create, as it were, a fresh enthusiasm for the present hour. Her loving sacrifice was rewarded. Each child

"Help how?" she heard Jerry ask, sharply, before Nate could finish his sentence; and she knew at once that the boy was jealous for her. "Isn't she the best mother in the world?"

"Yes, she is; and she likes stories, too; but I was just thinking, now that you can't go to 'school, if she only knew a lot about everything, why, she could tell you."

"Well," replied Jerry, with all the gravity of a man, "we must just take

work. Thede, you shall go next winter anyway,"

"Shan't we be lonesome next winter?" said little Johnnic, who had taken no part in the conversation until now. "Won't mother be afraid? I want my father back," and without a word of warning he burst into tears.

Dead silence for a few minutes. The outburst was so sudden, she knew they were all weeping. It was Jerry again who spoke lirst. "Don't let mother see us crying. Come, Johnnie, let's take Bone, and all go down to the trap," then she heard them pass out of the house.

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the trap," then she heard them pass out of the house.

Desolation fell upon that poor woman for the next hour. Like a knife Nate's remark had passed through her heart, "Father could have helped!" Couldn't she help her boys, for whom she was ready to die? Was she only "mother," who prepared their meals. hymns, repeating them in concert, learning to count upon this hour around the fire as others do upon

The children's interest awoke in a you, I catch sight of some rock, and

their chairs together. No one spoke until Nate said—

What said matter, asked the partial relationship in the matter asked the partial relationship in the matter, asked the partial relationship in the matter asked th

Glutted With Fish.

"What time is that?" "Four o'clock."
"Which kind of fish is most abund-

fish go to?"

"All ever. New York is the great central distributing point, and the quantity of fish packed up here and sent away is very large. You ought to come here when the hour for packing is reached. You'll see a busy place them."

once then.

If to-day's surplus is sold cheaply
in the afternoon—that is before you begin to give the lish away—who will be

gin to give the lish away—who win ue the purchasers?"

"The lish peddlers. They generally smell a glut in the market, and come down in droves. Well, they'll get fish cheap enough this afternoon; but whether the consumer will reap the advantage or not will depend on the conscience of the peddler.—New York Mail and Express.

Mask Dances. A kind of feast of masks takes place once a year in New Ireland, one of the couth sea islands, in the early days of May, and is made an occasion when hostile tribes meet each other in peace nostile tribes meet each other in peace and for that day only—and, possibly, for finding pretexts for another year's hostilities. During the festival of peace and masks the brave carve out, adorns, and paints his mask according to his own notion, and generally with considerable artistic skill. Hence the is taken that no one shall see the mask, for it is very important that the identify of the owner should be concealed. When the work is finished, the owner puts his mark on it, and takes it to the mask-house. When the time comes for the parada of the believe themselves the cunningest coves in the world while they're being feeced. I remember one fellow from Masks, the champions put them on, I having arrayed themselves for the occasion in red shirts of bark, and skirts reaching to their knees. They then go out armed to the neighboring tribes, giving notice of their approach by the blowing of conchs and the beating of their wooden drums. When the hostille tribe is reached, the mask-dance is executed with a set of extraordinary movements, and then they all fall to eating together, and not without some restraint, for instances of treachery have been known in which poison was concealed in 'tempting-looking sago cakes. Peace lasts till night, when the masks are inspected, compared, criticised, and jeered at with every manifestation of contempt. The last part of the proceedings excites mutual anger, and furnishes the occasion for the next year's hostilities.—Popular Science Monthly.

Sunday is the poor man's boliday, but for the next year's hostilities.—Popular the standard of the proceedings to their world while they're being street in world while they're being steed. I remember one fellow from New Jersey they roped in. Well, they got all his money—over \$100, I believe themselves in the world while they're being steed. I remember one fellow from New Jersey they roped in. Well, they got all his money—over \$100, I believe themselves in the world while they're being steed. I remember one fellow from New Jersey they roped in. Well, they got all his money—over \$100, I believe themselves in the world while they're being steed. I remember one fellow from New Jersey they roped in. Well, they got all his money—over \$100, I believe themselves in the world while they're being theeced. I remember one fellow from New Jersey that wheth the world while they're believe themselves in the world while they're believe themselves in the world while they're believe the month of the host time of the host time of the host time of the part of the proved in the order in the order in the or time comes for the parade of the masks, the champions put them on, having arrayed themselves for the occasion in red shirts of bark, and skirts of the corresponding to the corre

became an engineer; Nate a minister;
Johnnie went into business. Theodore used to say:
"Mother, as I travel about, all the stones and flowers make me think of stones and stones

you, I catch sight of some rosa, stop to rejoice over those blessed times."

Nate said: "Mother, when I am Life—The Big-Bugs the Best to Batt.
"N.G. The bloke's tumbled," said: Nate—Nate—What is the difference between limestone and granite?"

A simple one, but it opened the way for her, and the first meeting proved a success. She had to study each day to be ready and wide awake for her class. They lived in a limestone region. Different forms of coral abounded, and other fossils were plenty. An old cupboard in the shed was turned into a cabinet.

One day Nate, who had wandered two or three miles, brought home a piece of rock, where curious fingershaped creatures were embedded Great was the delight of all to find them described as orthocoraties, and an excursion to the spot was planned for the next holiday. Question after question led back to the origin of the earth. She found the nebular hypothesis and hardly sheat one night trying.

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There never were such good boys tanking the sail. "N. G. The bloke's tumbled," said as allow-faced young man with a pepper and salt suit yesterday, and with that he lounged around the corner of west and life-the last of the sail worth of the new heart of these evenings with you in the rocking-chair, there is and I bear all your voices again."

When Jerry Mother, when I am reading a psalm in the pulpit, there as all with a pepper and salt suit yesterday, and with that he lounged around the corner of west and Courtland streets. He had a semi-belligerent elevation of sample and weight was a semi-belligerent elevation of seper and salt suit yesterday, and with that he lounged around the

ronize the vernacular sparing

could teach, and also inspite her pupils.

They heard of a guily five or six miles away, where crystals had been found. Making a holiday, for which the boys worked like Trojans, they took their lunch in a farm wagon and rode to the spot; and, if their search was not altogether successful, it left them the memory of a very happy time.

In the mean time the farm prospered. She did all the work in the house, and all the sewing; going out in the gar. a-scared of every soul he s-trys to fly every job we put Oh, the way they break up th-

ext meeth, and there will be a vaccus grow of the Hillings Contral all the sewing going out in the grow of the property of the anticlopality with the property of the anticlopality with the property of the anticlopality with the property of the property of the property of the property of the anticlopality with the property of the anticlopality with the property of the property of

"What stopping are they going to do?" and the face of the bunco man wore an expression of intense disdain. "No one but a chump's going to give himself away to a copper. Why should himself away to a copper. Why should he? He can spot the fiatty cops by he? He can spot the fiatty cops by their rigs and be leery while they're around. Then he gets on to the ward flymen pretty soon. No trouble bout that. The only difficulty is with Byrnes men. Besides the old-timers, whom we know, he's got a dead sneak, and as we don't drop to their mugs we're likely to be indiscreet. Under-stand? But they seldom get us dead to rights. Before the trick's worked we generally twig the snotter, and do

we generally twig the spotter, and do nothing we can get fixed for."
"Is it true that the better class of

people submit to the loss of their money without complaint?"
"Very often. But not always.
There was a very eminent cuss—a big divine, you know—who was touched by some o' the boys for his pile. We thought it was a sale racket, for there would be a deuce of a row over such a high-toned parson getting mixed up with us, and we never thought he'd squeal. But he had grit, he had, and gave the whole thing away to the police. Well, some of the boys got pinehed, and they had to settle so as o square things. The parson's grit saved him. He got his money, and no one ever said a word about it. If they had there would be music in Zion."

"Do countrymen generally make complaint?"

"Very often, but not always. Why, ome of them are as green as grass and believe themselves the cunningest

the kingdom of heaven and the society the kingdom of heaven and the society for the prevention of crime I begin to squirm and request the chair to examine his credentials."—New York Herald.

"Soon after the occurrence of each new marine disaster," said Gen. Dumont, supervising inspector general of steam vessels, "we are sure to be

Swedenborgians in Paris.

A Theosophist church, or rather cenacle, has been founded here urder the auspices of an amiable and accomplished Scotch countess, and the wife of a French pastor. Next month a Swedenborgian temple will be opened on the Mont Sainte Genevieve, close to the Pantheon, by about a hundred persons. Swedenborg's mystical docurrence of the partheon of the Pantheon of the Pantheo

res. He was converted to them by of cycling the Police Countees Handka, whem he maded to married after a long instance. Just he the Haddle married after a long inninacy lust he forchir death. Toward the close of the compire a Swedenhouse secondary perforation of the compire a Swedenhouse secondary.

Variety in Life-Preservers.

flooded with numerous appliances for saving lives of shipwrecked persons. Since the wreck of the Columbus there

in buoys, hermetically it was found, however, that the so rust, and the danger of orns so great that they had ded, and rubber bags were as the proper preservers ssels. Later, cork came this article has been the nent of preservers for Latterly, however, it was any of the cork preser-ing their buoyancy, and being of the board a new dopted. It is a very simpensive affair, yet it an-purposes for which a life-needed. The buoy is comen buaches of reeds or about three inches in discomposed of about twenty ed or rush. This rush

is glazed somewhat after ONEY TO LOAN corn stalk. The invenornian and he says he can
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Why to John N. Boysh Coult. ... Their buoyancy is very cheapness is an element cheapness is an element street to a certain extent, oncluded that this tula ge OUD M. It ck of oddities. Her consists of a modification of ark, with a deck of same is trimmed up with white d and blue ribbons to fashe shoulders, and altory pretty article, but as k is as liable to perforao, and as the ends are

Dollars a Year. the state of the law of the land, and the land, of the land, and large was brought before Huang and Mr. Isles and charged with attemption of the land of the land land, the land of the land land, the la

Therefore the many more with an experiment of the court o he got, as his son had promised to let him have 12,000 cash a month—an amount rather difficult for the boy to pay out of a monthly safary of 900 cash. The old man upbraided his son for walking about in good clothes while his poor father was in rags, and announced his intention of committing suicide in consequence of his son's unfilial conduct.

The Bible society has determined to resorted to. During the races at Jer-rome park the hotel coaches are con-tinually employed by crowds of men who go on this principle. The coaches have movable seats which can be ar-ranged on top so that they look like veritable coaching-club drags, and when drawn by four spanking bays they make quite a respectable appear-ance. With a crowd of ten or fifteen filial conduct.

The son, fearing that the old man men aboard, such a coach usually torms a very lively sort of procession. The young men usually chip in from

The son, fearing that the old man would carry out his intention, followed his father to the edge of the Souchow creek, when the father seized hold of the boy and jumped into the water, dragging his son with him. Luckily, the water was shallow and the bey was strong, so he managed to land both himself and his progenitor safely on the bank. His worship, having heard his story, to the amazement of all the foreigners in court, ordered the \$3 to \$10 apiece and make the solid sum with which they buy a horse for a winner and a horse for a place in every race. This keeps them interested all through the day, and when they go home they divide the winnings-if there are any.

In the same way they arrange yachtng trips and excursions to the countr it may not be a particularly arist all the foreigners in court, ordered the boy who had saved his father's life to be rewarded with one hundred blows, Huang explaining to Mr. Giles that it cratic mode of procedure, but it certhan the indiscriminate habit of treating, by which the poorest man in the crowd is usually impoverished—through the proverbial generosity of poor men—and the mean man has no end of fun without paying for it.—

New York Sun.

A Cathodral City.

A Cathodral City. A Cathedral City.

To the casual visitor Milan is simply a cathedral, with an ordinary humdrum manufacturing town surrounding A Cathedral City.

it. I say surrounding it, because the cathedral stands in the center of the town, all the principal streets radiate have to maintain his father out of his from it, all the tramway and omnibus lines start from it, and nearly all the places of amusement or diversion are in the neighborhood of it. Milan was

in the neighborhood of it. Milan was doubtless a considerable city before the Romans took it and dubbed it Mediolanum. In the middle ages, when it contained a population of 300,000, it was destroyed by Frederick Barbaroksa. Here it was that afterward the Visconti and the Sforzas reigned, here the Spanlards held their court, here Austria lorded it over Italy until 1848. Everybody must be familiar with its wondrous cathedral and its one here Austria lorded it over Italy until 1848. Everybody must be familiar with the rising forward on the lits wondrous cathedral and its one hundred Gothic turrets and two thousand marble statues; everybody must be familiar with fibrous and muscular structures to sustain the pressure. It comes on the purpose of incinerating the bodies when the transport of the purpose of incinerating the bodies are the fibrous and muscular structures to sustain the pressure. It comes on about puberty, or between puberty of the pauper dead. The potter's church in Europe. But what of that? Mount the narrow stone staircase in the wall and gain the top of the dome, ing heavy weights, or other works. sons exposed to long standing, carry-ing heavy weights, or other modes of straining the arch, and in those whose

A Germantown correspon sons exposed to long standing, carrying heavy weights, or other modes of straining the arch, and in those whose tissues are weak at that point. In very severe cases the heel becomes raised, giving the foot what Prof. Ongston has called a canoe-shape. The success of any treatment of the deformity depends largely upon the age and extent of the infliction and the ability of the person to conform to the surgeon's directions. It includes prolonged rest, the avoidance of standing still, the exhibition of tonics, the adaptation of boots to the trouirements of the case, with the application of devices to raise and support the arch or bring the other parts of the foot into position, with, sometimes, surgical operations. Prof. Ongston, availing himself of the advantages of Listerism, has ventured, with success, upon the bold operation of rearranging the bones of the foot in their proper position and plugging them together with ivers page. and what do you see? That the one hun-dred turrets are a mass of gingerbread elaborations, that the two thousand elaborations, that the two thousand statues are a wearisome parade of stone-cutters' work, despicable from the artistic point of view and worthless from the historical. You are amazed by the incredible labor, the vast expense, the enormous loss of time involved in this structure, whose only use could have been to amaze the curious and awe the ignorant. When you look from the dome over the luxuriant plains that surround Milan in every direction you can scarcely resist groanplains that surround Milan in every direction you can scarcely resist groaning when you reflect how many millions of these acres must have contributed year after year and century after century to creet this vast pile of curiously carred granite; how many myriads of peasants must have toiled and expired in order that the two thousand statues should be born.—Cor. Son Francisco Chronicis.

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oncluded that this tula he best for the purpose The inventors are always mething new. A lady up is the latest contribution of the squandered in buggy-runge sk of oddities. Her con-

Atlanta, Ga., is to have a grand tab-ernacle for people who are not regular church-goers. It will cost \$100,000, of which Senator Brown gives \$5,000. Prof. Hobson, a Texas scientist,

wants the government to advance \$3,000,000 to assist him in discovering whether or not the moon is inhabited. A new form of dynamite is made from poplar wood flour, and resem-bles a varnished doughnut. It is as explosive as the ordinary kind, but far

for service. Besides, it are tremely expensive affair; safer.

owners of fancy yachts opurchase it. It will not "Washington Cor. New Post.

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explosive as the oronacy for California is falling off at a frightful rate. In 1876 the annual product was estimated at \$1,000,000, while last year it barely amounted to \$750,000.

A New Jersey defaulter tried to kill before a falling of his

A New Jersey defaulter tried to kill himself after being informed of his crime. The news should have been broken to him more gently, as he had probably not heard of it. A Syracuse man is astonished bea systems of three women walking abreast stepped aside and permitted him to pass—the first time in his experience. She was young, pretty, and a "real lady."

The Bible society has determined to sand distributed we believe but ten are read, while three hundred were so mutilated as to be worthless, and four hundred stolen."

Gilroy, Cal., has a model justice of the peace. He recently fined a man \$6 for being drunk, and took in pay-ment thereof a one bladed jack-knife, a deck af cards, a clay pipe, a day's labor, 50 cents in cash, and a promise to pay the balance the next time he came to town. A San Bernardino, Cal., man drew his watermelons and put the ends of the cloth in a vessel filled with lemon juice. The result is lemon-flavored melous, and now his neighbors are

producing a whisky-flavored melon by the same process. A Galveston darky rushed breath-lessly into a doctor's office and ex-claimed: "Come on, doctor, right off. Dar is somebody who is in an awful fix—laid up in bed agroanin' and agroanin'." "Who is it?" "It's me-You see, boss, I didn't hab nebody to send, so I come myselt." send, so I come myself."

It is said that the annual cost of that in some portions of the United States a general abolition of fences is strongly recommended.